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1. The Dzhezda Manganese Ore Directorate (Dzhezdzinskoye Margantsovoye Rudoupravleniye) is controlled by the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry of the USSR through the Chief Directorate of the Ore Industry.
2. It is located near the Dzhezkazgan railway station in Karaganda Oblast, Kazakh SSR. A branch railway line built in 1945 connects Dzhezkazgan station with Dzhezda, where the mines of the Directorate are situated. The directorate's office is in Dzhezkazgan.

Personnel

3. The manager of the ore directorate is Mikhailov (since its foundation). The deputy manager is Portnov. In reality, Portnov is manager, as Mikhailov is constantly absent on business in Moscow.
4. The number of industrial workers at the beginning of November 1948 was about 1,000, of whom about 650 were employed in the mines. Some of the specialists were evacuated from the Nikopol Ore Directorate when the Nikopol area of the Ukraine was occupied by the Germans.
5. The workers' families (about 900 persons, mainly women and children) are entirely cared for by the directorate. All the workers and their families live in the new Dzhezda settlement, which is still being built. Living conditions are very bad. It will require several years of building for the workers to have satisfactory conditions. The food supply also is far from satisfactory. The management is trying to improve it by organizing an auxiliary farm and kitchen gardens, for which special funds are issued, but these measures require long and persistent work to produce good results.

Output

6. Work on the construction of the mines began in 1942 and production began at the end of the year.
7. The manganese content of the ore is 30-33% (considerably less than that of Chiatura and Nikopol ores). Some of the ore is screened by washing at the screening plant.
8. In 1947, the output of the directorate amounted to about 112,000 tons of

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manganese ore. From January to 31 October 1948, it totaled 102,000 tons. The estimated output for the year 1948 is 125,000 tons.

Destination of Ore

9. Nearly all the ore is sent to the Magnitogorsk Metallurgical Combine. Every month 10, 11, or 12 trainloads, each averaging 40 cars containing 20-30 tons per car, are despatched from Dzhezda. A small quantity of the ore is sent to stores at Alma Ata and Karaganda. These stores are under the control of the Dzhezda Ore Directorate.

Prospecting

10. A Geological Expedition of the Ministry of Geology (about 200 persons plus 200 dependents), prospecting for new deposits of manganese ore, is also under the control of the Dzhezda Ore Directorate.

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